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| For: | Non-Reciprocal Circuit Element With Reduced Shift Of Center Frequency Of Insertion Loss With Change In Temperature And Communication Device |))))) | | | |

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit reference A1 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-283821 discloses a nonreversible circuit element that allows reduction in size and has a superior temperature characteristic.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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